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The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) Medicare Beneficiary Data for Fiscal Year 2006 for Inpatient Rehabilitation Facility Prospective Payment System (IRF PPS)

Note: This article was revised to contain Web addresses that conform to the new CMS web site and to show they are now MLN Matters articles. All other information remains the same.

Provider Types Affected

Inpatient Rehabilitation Facilities (IRFs) eligible for low-income patient adjustments

Provider Action Needed

The Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued updated information, contained within this article, to determine additional payment amounts for IRFs with low-income patients (LIP). Under the IRF PPS, those facilities that furnish care to low-income patients receive supplemental payment amounts to make up for the cost of providing that care.

This is accomplished by making adjustments to the IRF PPS. The Supplemental Security Income (SSI) data are updated on an annual basis and these data are one of the components used to determine an appropriate low-income patient adjustment for each IRF. To review these data, go to http://www.cms.hhs.gov/InpatientRehabFacPPS/05_SSIData.asp#TopOfPage on the CMS web site. These SSI data files show the latest available IRF-specific data to compute an IRF's SSI ratio for the associated specified fiscal year (FY).

Background

The SSI data are updated on an annual basis, and these data are one of the components used to determine the DSH variable that is part of the appropriate low-income patient adjustment for each IRF.

Medicare Fiscal Intermediaries (FIs) use these data to determine an initial PPS payment amount and, if applicable, to determine a final outlier payment amount for IRFs whose discharges occur during a specific cost reporting period. FIs make a determination of the amount of this percentage to compute the final low-income patient adjustment, which allows the year-end settlement of a facility's cost report.

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The facility uses the most recently settled SSI ratio to settle this cost report. Once the SSI ratio is settled for the actual year the cost report corresponds to, a retrospective adjustment will be made to account for the difference between the actual amount and the initial PPS payment amount.

Implementation

The implementation date for this instruction is November 7, 2005.

Additional Information

The official instruction issued to the intermediary regarding this change can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/transmittals/downloads/R698CP.pdf> on the CMS web site.

If you have any questions, please contact your Medicare FI at their toll-free number, which can be found at <http://www.cms.hhs.gov/MLNProducts/downloads/CallCenterTollNumDirectory.pdf> on the CMS web site.

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